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November 2010



**Along with Turkey on Thanksgiving there are  
some great contests this month!**

## November Ham Breakfast

### LOCATION

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## Rudy's Little Hideaway

925 S 8th Street

Saturday, 6 November 2010

Time is from 8:00-9:30 am

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## November Club Meeting

The club meeting will be on November 10<sup>th</sup> (second Wednesday in November), at 7 pm at Panera Bread on the NE corner of Powers and S. Carefree.

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**Congratulations to the  
new board!**

## PPRAA Club Officers

President	Mike Derbort	KCØELG
Vice President	Galen Steele	AGØA
Secretary	Dan Scott	WØRO
Treasurer	Pam Scott	WØPRS
Board	Gordon Dixon	KDØFKF
Board	Dave Moore	KØDAM
Board	Tom Brereton	WØTOM
Board	Doug Nielsen	N7LEM
Ø-Beat Editor	Mike Anderson	WV7T

All officers can be contacted at:

[boardmembers@ppraa.org](mailto:boardmembers@ppraa.org)

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**Congradulations to  
Tom and Gloria  
Brereton – newly weds!**

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## Club Meeting

October 13, 2010

President Doug Nielsen, N7LEM, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM at Panera Bread, followed by introductions around the room. Silent Keys: None.

**Minutes:** Mike Anderson, WV7T moved and Gordon Dixon, KDØFKF seconded that the September meeting minutes be approved as published in the Zero Beat. Passed

**Treasurer's Report:** Pam Scott reported that we had a \$12,919.52 total balance in our three accounts as of 30 September 2010.

**Megafest 2011** - Need to approve by next meeting the amount "not to exceed" for raffle prizes for next

year's Megafest. Still need to get confirmation on date with the school. We're hoping for July 16<sup>th</sup>.  
**Colorado QSO party** – 161 logs submitted, lots more from out of state and country. Doug to check one more time for straggling snail mail entries.

**WACCO** – Worked All Counties Colorado - This new award became effective 9/1/10, details on the website.

**Thursday Night Net** - Every Thursday night, 7PM, Doc's Glow Net on 28.390 MHz USB. See [www.ppraa.org](http://www.ppraa.org) for details. Modes are changed during the evening for experimentation purposes. He has held 105 meetings thus far.

**Ham breakfasts** – last one was held at Wade's Café. November's breakfast will be at Rudy's Hideaway, on S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Check website for more details and future locations.

Gordon talked about what we did at the Scout Show last weekend.

Briargate library has asked us to put up a display next year. We have the display June 2011. Looking for items to put in the cabinets.

**Possible club ham shack location** – 4 miles east of Shriever; still need to go through legal details

**CCARC Fall Meeting** - October 30, 2010, hosted by the Boulder Amateur Radio Club. Time: 1- 4PM, location is the nSpire Health, Inc. Facilities, 1830 Lefthand Circle, Longmont, CO 80501.

**Holiday meeting** – December 6<sup>th</sup> Golden Corral 6:00 pm

**Board elections** – The following members were elected to the board, accepted by acclamation:

Mike Derbort – President

Galen Steele – VP

Dan Scott – Secretary

Pam Scott – Treasurer

Members at large – Tom Brereton, Doug Nielsen, John Wishart, and Gordon Dixon

**Next Board Meeting:** 7 PM, Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> Daniel's Taco Shop

**Next Club Meeting:** The next regular club meeting will be Wednesday, 7 PM, November 10<sup>th</sup> 2010, at

Panera Bread on the NE corner of Powers and S. Carefree.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Submitted by: Dan Scott WØRO

PPRAA Secretary

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## PPRAA October Board Meeting

11 October 2010

Call to Order – 7:00 pm

Approval of the September board meeting minutes – Motion by Mike Anderson, WV7T, seconded by Gordon, KDØFKF, approved

### Reports

**Treasurer's Report** – Pam reported that we are still solvent. We have \$12,919.52 in the three accounts.

**COQP (Sept 4)** – 161 logs received, a lot more foreign ones than previous years.

### Unfinished Business –

Elections in October - terms expiring for Dan Scott, Doug Nielsen, Dave Moore, Tom Brereton. Dan and Tom said they would continue on the board if elected.

### New Business –

**Briargate Library display** – We have the month of June 2011 to display radio equipment and other items

**Pikes Peak BSA Scout Show** – Gordon, KDØFKF gave us an update on the Scout Show. He will bring the table display that we used to the club meeting.

**Holiday party** – December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, Golden Corral on Woodmen, same location as past years

**Possible location for ham shack** – Doug knows of someone who has purchased a large place 4 miles east of Shriever AFB. Need to set up a time to visit and find out more details



about the potential of this location  
(electricity, water, etc. plus legal issues)

**Megafest 2011** – need to vote on dollar amount for prizes by the November meeting. Suggestions for prizes were to go “made in the US”, antennas, etc. Discussion was held on pros and cons of various radios. Dan to contact Maria about securing July 16, 2011 for event.

**Around the table** – CMRG meeting Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 Dan and Pam to attend  
CCARC meeting Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Dan and Pam to attend  
VE Testing – recently had 3 people pass their technician exam and 1 pass Extra

Next board meeting: Monday, 8 November 2010.  
Location: Daniel's Taco Shop

Adjourned at 8:00

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## Technical Education



Mike Anderson, WV7T  
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719-229-8610

I have one student tutoring and a number of prospects.

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License and code tutoring. Electronic theory.  
Technical instruction upon request.

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## Great site for license study Power Points

<http://www.hamradioinstructor.com/powerpoint.html>

Need help getting your ticket or upgrading, give Mike a call.



**The Hunt & Pounce Technique.**  
Often used in contesting.

## NOVEMBER CONTESTS

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**ARS Spartan Sprint** 0100Z-0300Z, Nov 2

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**Ukrainian DX Contest** 1200Z, Nov 6 to 1200Z, Nov 7

**ARRL Sweepstakes Contest**, CW 2100Z, Nov 6 to 0300Z, Nov 8

**High Speed Club CW Contest** 0900Z-1100Z, Nov 7 and

1500Z-1700Z, Nov 7

**DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest** 1100Z-1700Z, Nov 7

**CWops Mini-CWT Test** 1100Z-1200Z, Nov 10 and 1900Z-2000Z, Nov 10 and 0300Z-0400Z, Nov 11

**RSGB 80m Club Sprint**, SSB 2000Z-2130Z, Nov 11

**WAE DX Contest, RTTY** 0000Z, Nov 13 to 2359Z, Nov 14

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**JIDX Phone Contest 0700Z, Nov 13 to 1300Z, Nov 14**

**OK/OM DX Contest, CW 1200Z, Nov 13 to 1200Z, Nov 14**

**Kentucky QSO Party 1400Z, Nov 13 to 0200Z, Nov 14**

**CQ-WE Contest 1900Z, Nov 13 to 0500Z, Nov 15**

**SKCC Weekend Sprint 0000Z-2400Z, Nov 14**

**NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Nov 18**

**YO International PSK31 Contest 1600Z-2200Z, Nov 19**

**SARL Field Day Contest 1000Z, Nov 20 to 1000Z, Nov 21**

**LZ DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 20 to 1200Z, Nov 21**

**All Austrian 160-Meter Contest 1600Z, Nov 20 to 0700Z, Nov 21**

**Feld Hell Sprint 1600Z-1800Z, Nov 20**

**RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 20 to 0100Z, Nov 21**

**ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB 2100Z, Nov 20 to 0300Z, Nov 22**

**EU PSK63 QSO Party 0000Z-2400Z, Nov 21**

**Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0200Z-0400Z, Nov 22**

**SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Nov 24**

**RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW 2000Z-2130Z, Nov 24**

**CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Nov 27 to 2400Z, Nov 28**

## Thursday Evening Net

Please join us for the Thursday Night 10-meter net. We meet at 7:00 PM (Local) on or near 28.390 USB. The goal of the net is for Technicians through Extra class operators to enjoy a weekly on-the-air chat, and experiment with various transmission modes. The outcome of the net has been a surprise to new better understanding of our radios, filter usage, mic gain, transmission line..etc.

This is a perfect net for an introduction to HF and/or SSB too. The net is informal, just jump in with your call and net control will get you on the list. One thing that is (almost) always is giving a description of you rig, antenna system and approximate location.

Technicians remain operating SSB as do other class operators with SSB only radios. If you are restricted to SSB do not let that bother you as we take that into account even as we jump between modes (AM, FM, DSB, LSB).

Hope to hear you Thursdays on the net!

73s

Dan WØRO



Sometimes being QRP ain't so bad!



## MARC NOVEMBER VE EXAMS

November 6th, 2010

The Mountain Amateur Radio Club VE Team will be conducting a VE session at 10 am on Saturday, November 6th, in the Community

Meeting Room of the Woodland Park Library, 218 East Midland Avenue. The MARC VE Team is affiliated with the ARRL/VEC and examinations for all classes of license will be offered.

Full information, including driving directions to the Woodland Park Library, is available under "VE Sessions" on the MARC website at <http://www.nx0g.org/ve.html> or contact Wes Wilson (KØHBZ) at [k0hbx@arrl.net](mailto:k0hbx@arrl.net) or call (719) 687-8758.

If attending, please BE SURE to bring the following items to the session:

**1. A valid PHOTO ID**, driver's license preferred (if you do not have a valid photo ID, please call for alternative identification requirements).

**2. Your SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER** (now required – this includes children).

**3. Your ORIGINAL amateur radio license** (if any) **AND a PHOTOCOPY** for the VE Team to keep.

**4. The ORIGINAL of any relevant CSCEs** you may have **AND a PHOTOCOPY** for the VE Team to keep.

**5. Cash, Check or Money Order for \$15** (standard ARRL VE Fee). Checks and money orders should be made out to MARC and cover all different exams you wish to take at the VE session.

MARC VE Team policy, as with many VE Teams, is to not allow same day retests on failed exams.

For already licensed hams, MARC members should be monitoring the MARC repeater system 146.820- or 448.650- (both 107.2 Hz) if you need help with talk-in.

73 Wes KØHBZ

## Dits and Bits

### For Sale or Wanted

Have something to sell or trying to find something or just want to see something get to a good home? Send it in to [wv7t@arrl.net](mailto:wv7t@arrl.net) and see it in Dits and Bits.

### FOR SALE:

**Kenwood TS-450sat** (internal antenna tuner) 160-10m  
Astron RS- 20A power supply  
Kenwood HS-5 head phones  
Microphone

This station is from the estate of a ham who passed about a year ago and the proceeds will go to his wife. Everything is in excellent condition with no sign of wear.

Asking \$400

Les KCØNC  
719-634-3995

**Yaesu FT-1000MP Mark 5** HF 200 watt Transceiver for sale, excellent condition, \$1500!  
Contact Jerry ADØA at 231-0639 or [verduft8066@msn.com](mailto:verduft8066@msn.com)

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## Let's Play "Looney Bin"!

Have you heard about the latest game? It's called "Looney Bin". You could call it "Multiple Insanity", "Super Stupidity", or whatever you want, but here is how it is played:

All the players - and there is a great many of them - gather in a large confined area, which is also occupied by people who are NOT playing "Looney Bin". Each player arms himself with a club, the size of which is limited by regulations of the game to one kilogram (that's 2.2 lbs.). Some players use a hinged club, the effect of which is to transmit additional energy, so that their clubs are the equivalent of 2 kilograms - sometimes called "2KG peak effective power."

The game has an announced starting time, at which time the players - and there are a great many of them, as we said - proceed to attract the attention of other players by hitting them

over the head with their clubs. As the area where the game is played is usually crowded, a great many who are NOT players get hit over the head with one kilogram, which they do not like at all.

The objective of the game is to see how many players can be hit over the head with one's one kilogram club. Each player must keep a record, called a log (not to be confused with the club, which is a small log of another type). The best players can hit other players over the head with their club while keeping their log with the other hand. Upon being hit over the head, a player announces (a) how sharp the blow was, rated on a 1 to 5 scale; and (b) the pressure of the blow, rated on a 1 to 9 scale. Thus, upon being struck, the player shouts "5-9", and proceeds to exchange blows with the player who has just bounced his club off the first player's head. Obviously, it takes a pretty hard head to play this game, but after partaking in a number of such contests, one's head becomes almost impervious to the lows. Many players drop their participation in such events, of course, since they see no point to either being hit on the head, or exercising violence upon others.

Some parts of the playing area are more accessible than others, and the real challenge to a player is to hit the more remotely located players. When everybody tries to do this, what is known as a "pile-up" occurs, with dozens of players being hit over the head at once, and hardly anyone ever hitting the head of the player at which he had taken aim. Such "pile-ups" are very frustrating, and many players have abandoned the game because of them. The winner of the game is the player who has swung his club most effectively, hitting more players on the head than anyone else, and in more areas of the playing space. Indeed, it is considered a great achievement to have hit people on the head in every square foot of the playing area!

A ticklish situation has developed as a result of so many games of "Looney Bin" being played in the playing area. Indeed, some group or other is sponsoring a game almost every weekend. The people who don't like to play

"Looney Bin" actually outnumber by far those who are avid "Loonie's." But, when the non-players object to filling up the large confined area, of which we spoke, with club wielding "loonies", the objectors are called - of all things - "soreheads". If their heads are sore, it is pretty obvious what made them so.

The game is played rougher in some parts of the country than in others. Cheating consists primarily of using a heavier club than the 1 kilogram rules allow. In California, it is said, clubs weighing several kilograms -as much as 18 kilograms having been reported - are sometimes used, and the hit other players' heads very, very hard. They hit non-players just as hard, and some non-players would like to abolish "Looney Bin" once and for all. How about you?

(Taken from "Auto-Call" (Washington, D.C.) April 1971)

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## Scout Show







# More COQP











Master Yoda?

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**A really bad day!**





## Prorated club dues

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Full:	\$15.00	\$13.75	\$12.50	\$11.25	\$10.00	\$8.75	\$7.50	\$6.25	\$5.00	\$3.75	\$2.50	\$1.25
Family:	\$18.00	\$16.50	\$15.00	\$13.50	\$12.00	\$10.50	\$9.00	\$7.50	\$6.00	\$4.50	\$3.00	\$1.50
Senior:	\$10.00	\$9.17	\$8.33	\$7.50	\$6.67	\$5.83	\$5.00	\$4.17	\$3.33	\$2.50	\$1.67	\$0.83
Sr Fam:	\$12.00	\$11.00	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Associate:	\$12.00	\$11.00	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All memberships are up for renewal at the end of the year. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please use the form at the bottom of this page and fill out all the appropriate information so that the Membership Committee can update the records. Include your family so they can share the value and the fun. If you know someone interested in joining, make a copy for them or have them visit PPRAA on the web and download a copy of the PDF file at [www.ppraa.org](http://www.ppraa.org).

<b>Membership Application for the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, Inc.</b> P.O. Box 16521, Colorado Springs, CO 80935-6521			
Date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Call: _____ Class: N T ÷ G A E Phone: _____ Mbr of ARRL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Email: _____ Additional Family Members to Join/Renew Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL? _____ Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL? _____ Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL? _____	<div style="margin-bottom: 10px;">                         In which activities would you like to participate?                          Field Day <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>                          Demonstrations <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>                          Nets or round tables <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>                          Organize activities <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>                          Teach ham classes <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;">                         Full Member <span style="float: right;">\$15 <input type="checkbox"/></span>                          Family Membership <span style="float: right;">\$18 <input type="checkbox"/></span>                          Over 65 <span style="float: right;">\$10 <input type="checkbox"/></span>                          Over 65 Family <span style="float: right;">\$12 <input type="checkbox"/></span>                          Associate <span style="float: right;">\$12 <input type="checkbox"/></span> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;">                         Donation to Club: \$ _____                          Total Enclosed: \$ _____                     </div> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <b>MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "PPRAA"</b> </div>		
<i>The O-Beat monthly club newsletter is available at <a href="http://WWW.PPRAA.ORG">WWW.PPRAA.ORG</a>.</i>			
Circle your interests ⇒ HF / V/UHF / FM / SSB / Digital / DX / Contests / Technical / Hardware / Other			
New and renewing members must submit a completed application form along with your check to the Treasurer. <b>Please Type or Print Clearly!</b>			

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